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Status Conference Held on Behavioral and MH Support Services

A status conference in the People First of Tennessee et al. v. Clover Bottom Developmental Center et al. was held on April 14, 2000. Counsel for all parties and members of the Quality Review Panel were present.

The topic of this status conference was Behavioral and Mental Health Support Services.

Dr. George Zukotynski, State Behavior Analyst Coordinator for the Division of Mental Retardation

Services, gave a presentation on the activities of the division to address concerns previously raised by the Quality Review Panel and the parties regarding behavioral and mental health support services.

This presentation included a summarization of the actions taken by the Division in recent months to make overall improvements in the delivery of behavioral and mental health support services provided to class members, including substantial modifications to policies.

Dr. Zukotynski also discussed the Division's continued efforts in the future to improve the delivery of behavioral and mental health support

services.

Edward Hughes, expert consultant for the Quality Review Panel, also gave a presentation on his concerns regarding behavioral and mental health services for class members.

In addition, Dr. Steven Reiss, expert consultant for the United States, gave a presentation on his concerns regarding behavioral and mental health services for persons with mental retardation.

There were concerns raised and the parties agreed to address them.

The next status conference is a follow-up status conference regarding independent support coordination set for Friday, May 5, 2000.

Community News

Boling Center

The Boling Center is pleased to announce the establishment of a clinic for children with academic, behavioral, and language disorders.

Located in the Memphis suburb of Cordova, it offers a comprehensive, interdisciplinary team approach to diagnosis and treatment of children who have developmental disabilities, coordination of care with the child's primary physician, education for parents and support for families, and referrals for other services as needed in cooperation with the child's regular doctor and health plan. For information, contact Dr. David Kube at 901-448-6511.

Play and Learning Center

United Cerebral Palsy of the Mid-South, Inc. has established the Play and Learning Center.

The mission of the center is to facilitate the development of children who have disabilities, to foster their readiness to enter school, and enhance learning opportunities via assistive technology in a playful, non-threatening environment. For more information, contact Ashley Luckett at 901-761-4277.

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WEB POSTINGS

<http://www.state.tn.us/mental2/>

Announcements, draft policies, final policies and information bulletins all appear on our Web site. Activities included this past month are:

FINAL POLICIES

POLICY NUMBER	POLICY TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE
DMRS-1998-60	Community Incidents and Investigations	6/1/00
DMRS-2000-75	Community Operating Procedures for Instructor Training Program for Challenges in Physical Management and Mealtime Challenges	3/20/00
DMRS-2000-76	Death Reporting and Review	6/1/00

DRAFT POLICIES

POLICY NUMBER	POLICY TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE
DMRS-1998-59 Revised	Restraint and Protective Equipment	DRAFT
DRMS-1998-61 Revised	Psychotropic Medication	DRAFT
DMRS-2000-77	Behavior Supports	DRAFT
DMRS-2000-78	Behavior Support and Human Rights Committees	DRAFT

INFORMATION BULLETINS

BULLETIN NUMBER	BULLETIN SUBJECT	DATE ISSUED
00-02	Offices and Staff Bathrooms in Supported Living Homes	3/10/00
00-03	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)	3/20/00
00-04	ISC Participation in Making Choices during Transition	4/19/00

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Two join UN of Kansas Staff

Two long-term child education specialists with Vanderbilt's Kennedy Center joined the University of Kansas staff. Steve Warren is director of the Kansas Mental Retardation and Research Center and Developmental Disabilities Research Center; Eva Horn is an associate professor in the Department of Special Education.



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TTAP Director Named

Long term Developmental Disability Council employee Kevin Wright was named director of the Tennessee Technology Access Project (TTAP) effective April 16. You can visit the TTAP web site on www.state.tn.us/mental.

Lane Kyle Honored

Lana Kyle, Manager of Fiscal Services at the Boling Center, was awarded the Governor's Trophy for the Citizen of the Year with a Disability on October 19, 1999 at a ceremony sponsored by the Tennessee Department of Human Services.

Did you know?

When the electricity goes out portable phones do not function. **Recommend always having at least one standard phone in your Home.**

Greyhound Lines

Greyhound Lines has launched a guaranteed wheelchair-lift bus service to provide travel for passengers with mobility impairments. Greyhound Lines' fleet of 80 buses equipped with wheelchair lifts will be stationed in 12 to 15 cities around the country, with a group of trained drivers in each location.

Service should be requested 48-hours in advance. For accessible bus services, call the Greyhound ADA Hotline: 1-800-752-4841 or 1-800-345-3109 (TDD).

Interdisciplinary Training

The Boling Center continues to offer interdisciplinary leadership training. For more information, contact Dr. Carol Greenwald at 901-448-4644.

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